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October 09, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 4:11-CR-1-6
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MIGUEL SUAREZ RAMIREZ; aka	§	
RODRIGUEZ; aka CARLOS MARINO	§	
SEGURA	§	

**OPINION AND ORDER**

**ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S MEMORANDUM AND RECOMMENDATION**

Pending before the Court in the above referenced proceeding is Movant Miguel S. Ramirez's § 2255 Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence (Doc. 563); Amended § 2255 Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence (Doc. 598); Amended or Supplemented § 2255 Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence (Doc. 601); and the United States' Response and Motion to Dismiss Movant's § 2255 Motion (Doc. 597); and Judge Stacy's Memorandum and Recommendation that the Court deny Miguel S. Ramirez's § 2255 Motions and Amended Motions (Docs. 563, 598 and 691), and grant the United States' Motion for Summary Dismissal. (Doc. 597). Movant filed objections to the Memorandum and Recommendation.

**Standard of Review**

Once a defendant has been convicted and has exhausted or waived his or her right to appeal, a Court may presume that he or she "stands fairly and finally convicted." *United States v. Willis*, 273 F.3d 592, 595 (5th Cir. 2001). Therefore relief under § 2255 is limited to "transgressions of constitutional rights and for a narrow range of injuries that could not have been raised on direct appeal and would, if condoned, result in a complete miscarriage of justice." *United States v. Gaudet*, 81 F.3d 585, 589 (5th Cir. 1996). The court's ability to reduce or

modify a sentence of imprisonment once it has been imposed is restricted. *United States v. Lopez*, 26 F.3d 512, 515 (5th Cir. 1994) (per curiam). There are four grounds on which a defendant may move to vacate, set aside, or correct his or her sentence under § 2255: (1) “the sentence was imposed in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States”; (2) “the [district] court was without jurisdiction to impose such sentence”; (3) “the sentence was in excess of the maximum authorized by law”; and (4) the sentence was “otherwise subject to collateral attack.” 28 U.S.C. § 2255(a). “A defendant can challenge [his or her] conviction after it is presumed final only on issues of constitutional or jurisdictional magnitude . . . and may not raise an issue for the first time on collateral review without showing both ‘cause’ for his[ or her] procedural default and ‘actual prejudice’ resulting from the error.” *United States v. Shaid*, 937 F.2d 228, 232 (5th Cir. 1991) (citations omitted).

The Court has carefully reviewed, *de novo*, the filings, the applicable law, the Magistrate Judge’s Memorandum and Recommendation, and objections thereto. Based upon this review, the Court hereby adopts the Magistrate Judge’s Memorandum and Recommendation as its own.

Finally, under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1)(B), “Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an appeal may not be taken to the court of appeals from . . . the final order in a proceeding under section 2255.” *See also* Fed. R. App. P. 22(b)(1) (“In a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention complained of arises from . . . a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 proceeding, the applicant cannot take an appeal unless a circuit justice or a circuit or district judge issues a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c).”).

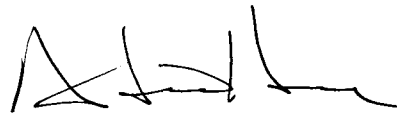
Furthermore, “[a] certificate of appealability may issue . . . only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). “A petitioner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that jurists of reason could disagree with the

district court's resolution of his[ or her] constitutional claims or that jurists could conclude the issue presented are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further." *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003), *citing Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). Where the district court denies a § 2255 motion on the merits, to warrant an certificate of appealability a movant must be able to show that "reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." *Henry v. Cockrell*, 327 F.3d 429, 431 (5th Cir. 2003), *citing Slack*, 529 U.S. at 484. A district court may deny a certificate of appealability *sua sponte*. *Haynes v. Quarterman*, 526 F.3d 189, 193 (5th Cir. 2008) (citing *Alexander v. Johnson*, 211 F.3d 895, 898 (5th Cir. 2000) (per curiam)). Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that the United States' Motion for Dismissal is GRANTED, the Movant's § 2255 Motions are DENIED. It is further

ORDERED that a certificate of appealability is DENIED.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, this <sup>5th</sup> day of October, 2018.



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ANDREW S. HANEN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE